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1.4(b) and (d).

¶1. (C) Embassy Poloff met January 26 with MOFA Second Middle East Division Principal Deputy Director Yukiya Hamamoto to deliver reftel points regarding the January 27 London meeting on Yemen. Hamamoto agreed that it was important to address the underlying developmental, economic, and security issues that have made Yemen an attractive base for terrorist groups.

He noted that while the December 25, 2009 NWA Flight 253 incident had helped raise the profile of Yemen's situation, the GOJ already had been following developments there closely. Regarding international assistance for Yemen, Hamamoto stressed the importance of Yemeni government steps to address the country's problems, saying that international support must be commensurate with Yemeni efforts. He added that Japan had increased its assistance to Yemen in FY 2009, saying that the GOJ had begun to "step up" its efforts there.

¶2. (U) Japan will participate in the London meeting and will be represented by State Secretary for Foreign Affairs Tetsuro Fukuyama. (NOTE: Fukuyama is one of two State Secretaries for Foreign Affairs who are second in seniority behind Foreign Minister Okada. END NOTE) Fukuyama will be accompanied by MOFA Second Middle East Division Director Tsutomu Nakagawa.
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